

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (U.S. 6,689,638). Claims 1-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as set forth in the outstanding Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant is submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.56, and 37 CFR 1.97-1.98 making of record the references cited in a corresponding United Kingdom Office Action, along with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement is hereby respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 17 and 18, and amended claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-12 and 14 to obviate the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claims 1-16 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action and the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

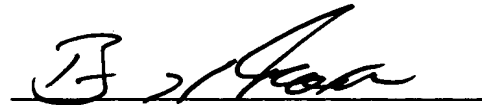
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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